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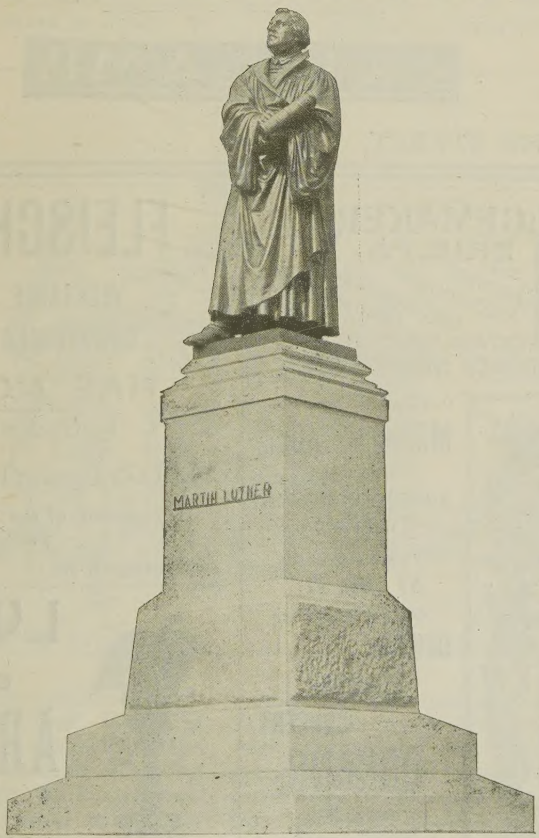

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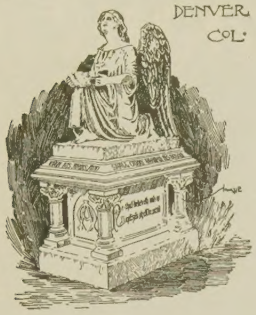

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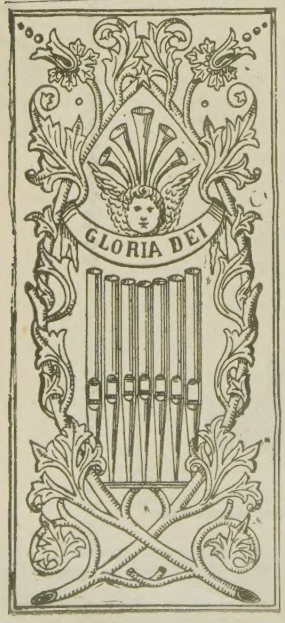

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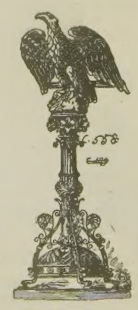

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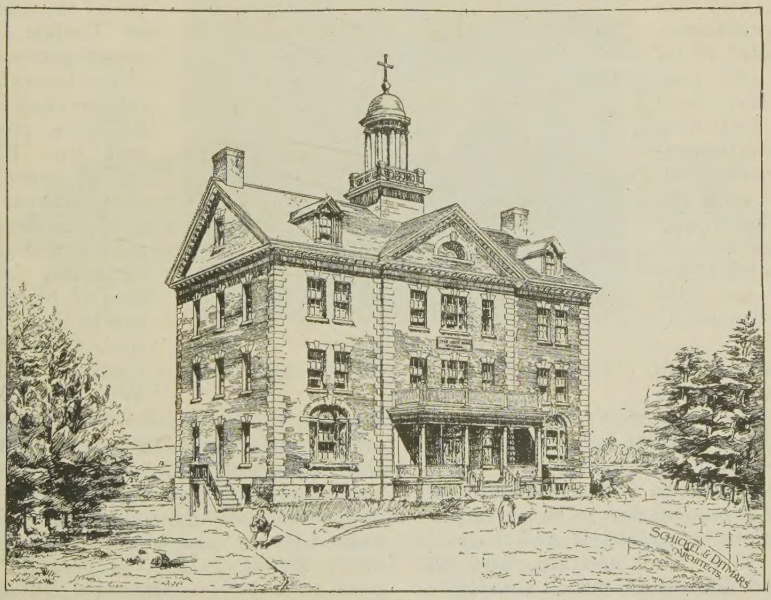
Marie Louise Heins Memorial For Old People

DEDICATED AT THE WARTBURG, MAY 30, 1899

THE edifice shown in the accompanying engraving is the latest addition to the many beautiful buildings that within the past years seem annually to grow and cluster about the original building of the Wartburg Orphans' Home, at Mount Vernon, N. Y. It has become the custom of late years that at each recurring Memorial Day some new building commemorative of an individual has been dedicated, and so again it was this year, when the beautiful building shown was dedicated. It is the sixth one to be erected, the others being the chapel built by the late Chas. A. Hauselt, school building by Mrs. A. Witmack, the kindergarten by Professor Schmidt, the Langlois Hall, and the hospital by Dr. Geo. F. Guleke.

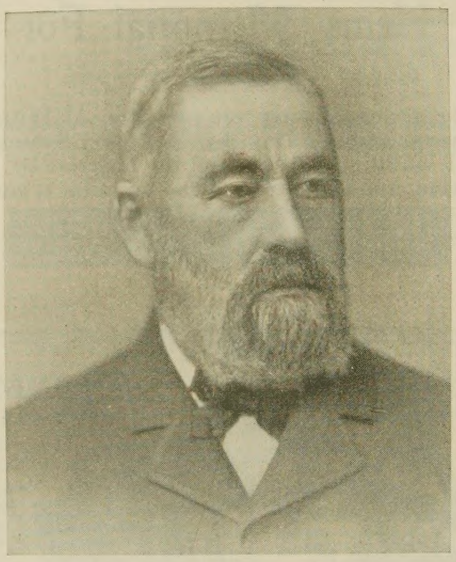
The building is constructed of brick and sandstone trimmings in the Colonial style. It is 40 x 80 feet in dimensions, four stories high, lighted by electricity and has accommodations for 75 people. It is on the outer edge of the square around which all the buildings stand, and commands a splendid view of the valley and surrounding country.



Lutheran people in large cities often express regret that they cannot show institutions, grounds and equipments for

charitable and benevolent purposes that will compare favorably with others. But when the host of Lutherans go up to the Wartburg on Memorial Day every year their hearts swell with pride when they realize that this is a Lutheran institution pure and simple, and without any aid from State or city is carried on by Lutheran benevolence, of no particular Synodical complexion.

Much of the financial strength and growth of the Wartburg is due to the able and careful management of the president, Mr. Geo. H. Moller, who has been connected with the Board of Trustees since its inception and has held the presidency for the last ten years. In every detail of the management he has been seconded by the other officers and by the Executive Committee. To the director, Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, and his wife, the institution also owes much of its popularity and success. They have been singularly fortunate in their administration of the various departments of the home, and their readiness to undertake the increasing arduous duties of an Old People's Home merits highest praise.



GEORGE H. MOLLER
Pres. of Board of Trustees, Wartburg Orphans' Home

As we speak of the Heins Memorial we must not forget the many churches and individuals that assisted in completing the home and making it habitable. While Mr. and Mrs. John D. Heins did build the house, their memorial was to be a structure only. How to complete it and make it ready was then the question, and the board invited donations, which resulted as follows: For the heating plant, St. Peter's congregation, New York, Rev. Drs. Edw. F. and A. B. Moldehnke. For furnishing the kitchen, St. John's Ladies' Society, New York, Rev. Dr. J. J. Young. For furnishing rooms, one each from St. Matthew's, Hoboken, Rev. A. Richter ; Young People's Society of Rev. Walz's congregation at Troy ; Mr. John G. Wintjen and two sisters ; St. Matthew's S. S., N. Y. City, Rev. E. A. Behrens ; St. Paul's Church, N. Y. City, Rev. John A. W. Haas ; Ladies' Association, St. Paul's, Brooklyn, Rev. H. W. Hoffmann ; St. Mark's Church, Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas ; Ladies' Association of St. Peter's, Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. J. J. Heischmann ; the Ladies' Society of St. John's Church, N. Y., Rev. H. Beiderbecke ; and members of Zion's Church, Brooklyn, Rev. E. J. Kraeling, who contributed liberally for the general expenses. At present there are four inmates at the home, although a number of applications are before the board.

Lutheran American Indians

Before us are two pictures of Indians which have no suggestion of scalps, burning houses or war paint. They come to us in *Die Missions Taube* for March. The first is of a young Indian couple and their three children; the other is of a number of the members of an Indian Lutheran congregation in front of the house in which the services are held. In looks, pose, dress and the like, the casual observer would declare them respectable pale faces. These people are part of a Lutheran congregation of North American Indians, and have their home 200 miles north of Milwaukee, Wis. They live on a little reservation 4 miles long and 3 wide, and are a part of 100 families who occupy it. One of the men in the group, tall and broad shouldered, with a well developed girth, weighs 265 pounds, and is aged 70. He is named Davis, and walks 3 miles to church every Sunday. As the preacher can be present only on alternate Sundays, this venerable red man reads a sermon from Luther's Church Postil when the preacher is absent.—*Exchange.*

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In response to the appeal printed in the April number, 130 subscriptions to the REVIEW were received on May 6, 1899. These came from *six* individuals. Thank you, very much.

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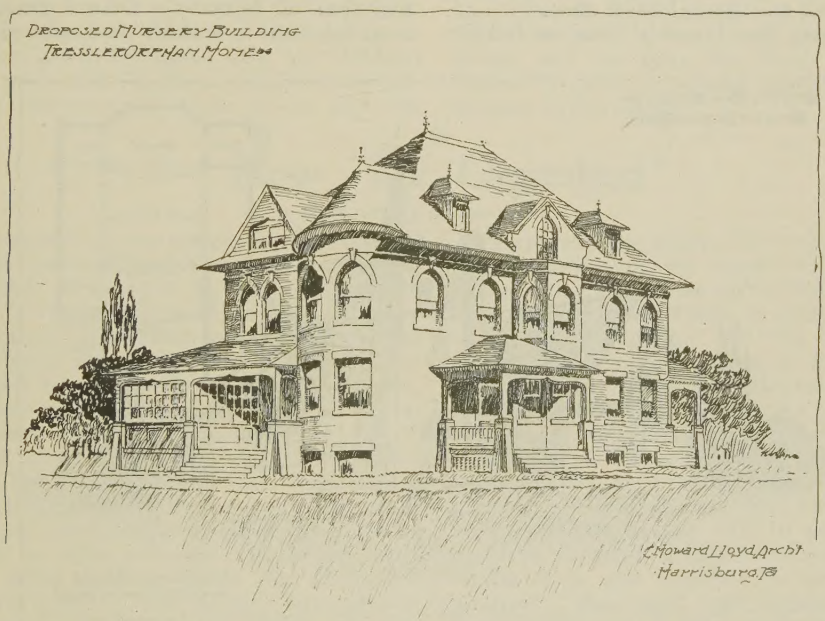
Tressler Orphans' Home

LOYSVILLE, PA.

THIS home for destitute orphan children of Lutheran parentage was chartered in 1868. The original building was formerly the Loysville Academy, founded by Col. John Tressler in 1854. This academy, with its 5 acres of campus, was purchased February 20, 1868, for $5,000. An additional 25 acres adjoining the property were purchased from the Tressler farm for $90 per acre. Since the original purchase of land 13 more acres have been bought.

From the first, soldier orphans were admitted into the home as well as church orphans. Thus the increasing demand made upon the home for admission of destitute children made it necessary several times to add other buildings to the original one. In 1884 these smaller buildings were removed and a large brick building, 75 x 40 feet, four stories, with cross building 40 x 25 feet connecting the two main houses, was erected, costing $10,000. The basement contains boys' playroom, dressing room, and heat plant. On the first floor is the large schoolroom and three smaller recitation rooms. The upper floors contain small and large boys' dormitories, boys' clothing room, reading room, and private apartments for employees. This building is surmounted by a cupola containing a 300-pound bell, the gift of St. Mark's Lutheran Sunday School, Baltimore, Md., memorial of Mamie Keirle.

The cross building contains kitchen, private dining room and bathroom, and on upper floors sewing room, girls' toilet room, bathrooms, clothing room and patch-room. On the first floor of the original building is the superintendent's office, girls' playroom and the general dining room. On the other floors are the superintendent's rooms, parlor and private rooms, and the girls' dormitory. An extension 39 x 15 feet was added to the original building in 1894, part of which is used for larger girls' bedrooms. The same year steam heat and gaslight were introduced into all these buildings, which have added greatly to their comfort and safety. These buildings, though large, are crowded and fast becoming insufficient for the growing needs of the home. Additional room is already demanded, and the board is only waiting for the generous friends of the home to furnish the necessary money for enlargement.



The home has an excellent hospital for the care of the sick. The house purchased with the 13 acres of land already mentioned was fitted up for the purpose and opened June 1, 1897. It is a separate building, a short distance from the other parts of the home, removed from its noise, where the patient may have quiet and the care of a competent nurse. The building is well equipped for a hospital, containing 12 rooms with a large porch fronting south. The bedroms and sitting rooms have been

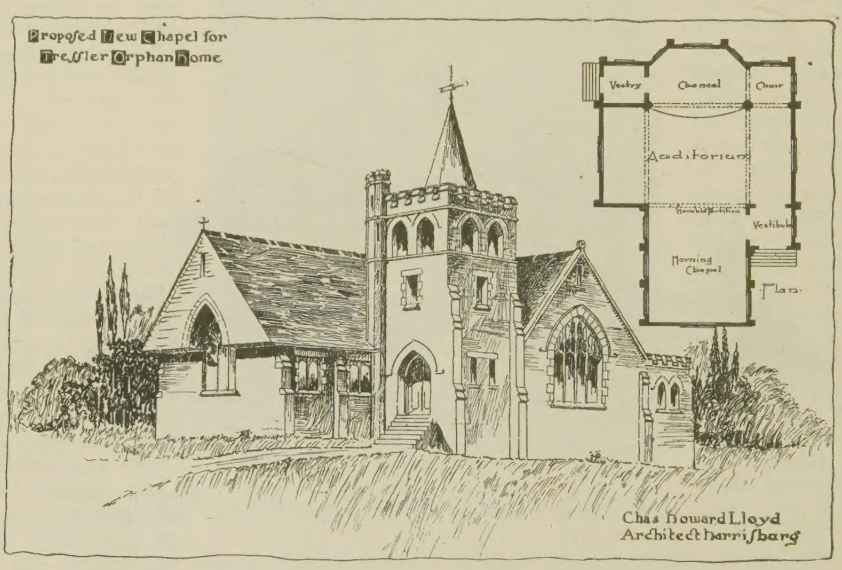
nicely furnished by friends of the home from the First Lutheran Church of Carlisle.

The home operates a printing establishment where "Orphan Home Echoes," a neat monthly paper, is printed by the boys, who do all the mechanical part of the work.

In 1897 the board, encouraged by Mr. Lindner, a shoe manufacturer of Carlisle, started a shoe factory, employing eleven boys and three girls parts of each day under the direction of a practical foreman. All the shoes for the boys and girls since then have been made at the home. The enlargement and better equipment of the factory is about completed, and soon the home will be ready to put upon the market a good, substantial boys' shoe.

For years the Board of Trustees felt the need of a separate department of the home in which children under six years of age could be cared for. The General Synod at its meeting in 1897, at Mansfield, by resolution brought this matter more prominently before the Church. The Executive Committee of the board took the subject into earnest consideration and believed they would be able to find some generous person or persons who would be willing and able to erect such a building as a memorial. They have not been disappointed. The building, a cut of which is shown, will be erected this summer. "This attractive building will be known as the Kunkel Memorial. It will be erected by Messrs. Chas. A. and Samuel Kunkel of Harrisburg, Pa.; Mrs. Anna Montgomery of Shippensburg, Pa.; Mrs. Serene Motter of Frederick, Md., and Mrs. Lillie Aughinbaugh of Pittsburg, Pa., in loving memory of their parents, the late Samuel and Rachel Kunkel of Shippensburg, Pa."

Another long felt need was a chapel. "Several years ago Dr. G. G. Burnett made a contribution of $50 for this object. Then our hearts were touched recently by the receipt of the contents of a little bank left by one of the lambs of the flock whom the Good Shepherd has taken to Himself. We concluded that it was time to tell the Church and make the appeal which our superintendent has sent out. A prompt response came from one of our trustees, J. Harry Fritz, Esq., in the shape of a subscription of $1,000." Others gladly responded until in a short time subscriptions amounting to almost $3,000 have been received. "Some of us have longed for this much needed chapel for years past. Shall it not go up this summer? Please send a contribution or subscription to Superintendent Widle without delay."



The home contains a good school of three departments, employing four competent teachers, thus affording all the children the opportunity of securing as good an education as the majority of children get. Out of school the children are taught to do all kinds of work—the boys on the farm, in the gardens, the printing office, laundry and shoe factory, and the girls in the kitchen, dining rooms, sewing and patchrooms, laundry and shoe factory.

In 1892 the library, through the per-

sonal efforts of Miss Eppley, was founded. It now contains over 1,000 volumes. The children have daily access to it. Besides this the boys' and girls' reading rooms are furnished with good healthy reading mat ter.

The home is beautifully located in a healthful and fertile valley in Perry County. In the 32 years of its existence it has sheltered, fed and clothed, for a longer or shorter period, over 1,000 children. Of the total number admitted 554 have been State soldiers' orphans and the rest Church orphans, county children and pay children. No soldiers' orphans have been in the home since 1892 In all these years the health of the children has been remarkably good, and only 27 have died, largely caused by inherited weaknesses.

There are in the home now 156 children —78 girls and 78 boys. Children are admitted between the ages of six and ten years. Many applications are now in the hands of the superintendent awaiting favorable action. We can care for only so many as the Church will furnish means to support.

Children have been in the home from West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska.

Many of the boys and girls have entered positions of usefulness and honor. Seven are in the ministry, several in the medical profession, one a prominent professor in one of our State normal schools, many are teaching school, several of the girls are in a private sanitarium in Baltimore, others are married and making comfortable, happy homes of their own.

It is a most blessed work the home is doing, and we pray the kind heavenly Father to give us many more generous helpers in the future.

How We Organized*

By Max Kraus of Cohoes, N. Y.

IN organizing our society at this late day in the history of Young People's Soci eties, we enjoyed an advantage which some of the older societies did not have when they began their work—namely, the experience of others. Like the dwarf that climbed upon the shoulders of the giant, we have mastered the experiences of others, and started where they left off.

Our constitution, therefore, is not so much the product of our own original deliberations, but rather a compilation of the best methods and regulations to be found in other societies. There are, however, some features in it for which we claim originality, and, as they have proven beneficial to us in our work, we can recommend them to others.

In effecting any kind of an organization it is well to keep in view two fundamental principles which underlie all true organization. The first is unity of effort, the second equal distribution of labor.

The end and object of all organizing is to do the greatest amount of work with the least possible friction and with the least amount of pressure or burden on the respective individuals.

To do the greatest amount of work with the least friction requires unity of effort. To do the greatest amount of labor with the least possible pressure on the individual requires an equal distribution of work.

In order to appreciate the value of perfect organization we might refer to an army. The army that moves like *one* man, like one compact whole, is generally the army that conquers. But the best illustration of unity may be seen in the human body. Here we find an absolute submission of all the various members to the will of the whole man. Every member responds to the will and fulfils the functions which have been assigned to it. Any member of the body that does not momentarily respond to the will in performing its given function is an incumbrance to the whole body and impedes its action and progress. The hand that is paralyzed, or does not respond, is only in our way. The foot that does not aid us in walking must be dragged after us, and is only an impediment.

What unity is to the body it is also to a society. There must be an absolute submission of the separate parts or individuals to the whole.

Failing to see the importance of unity some societies organized in such a loose way, evidently with the hope of gaining more members, that every one was permitted to do almost as he pleased.

If every member can do as he pleases, can come and go as he pleases, can work or decline to work, can contribute or refuse to contribute, then the very object of organization is frustrated. If every duty is to be performed at the option of the individual member, after having consulted

* A paper read before the meeting of the Albany District League by a member of Trinity Young People's Society of Cohoes, N. Y.

his likes and dislikes, then every member is his own society, unless you call him a member of an unorganized go-as-you-please society. There is no need of organizing if every one is to continue to do as he pleases. He can do that without belonging to a society.

Having benefited by the failures of others, we laid no little stress on unity of effort when we organized our society. Governed by this principle of organization we drew up a straight laced and clear-cut constitution, and solemnly pledged ourselves to abide by it. We make it the unqualified duty of every society member to attend *every* meeting of the society, whether religious, business or social, or submit to paying a fine promptly. For this reason there is a roll call at every meeting, and nothing short of a reasonable written excuse is accepted in lieu of presence. The result is gratifying. Each member is present in time for the roll call. Our meeting can be opened and closed promptly. The dues are all paid regularly, because the members come regularly. But above all, each meeting finds the whole society present in a body. This imparts a vigor and momentum to our whole work. The interest and enthusiasm continually increase, because every one is kept in touch with the whole society and its work.

Carrying out the same principle of unity of effort, we make it the unqualified duty of every member to perform the duty assigned to him by the society, whether it be to serve on a committee or in an office. This does away with all the waste of time by coaxing members to take an office, or work on a committee after they have been elected.

We do not hear the old story at every election of officers, or other assignment of duty, which is familiar to all; none of the "won't-you-please be-so-kind-and-accept." "Please-do—just-once—for-my-sake; now-don't-say-no; please-don't." The members of our society accept their appointments like the soldier accepts his commands, as a matter of fact.

Nor is there a shrinking from duty possible after the appointment has been accepted. Ornaments are not tolerated. Every committee, whether temporary or standing, must submit a written report of its work at the quarterly business meeting. This report must be signed by every member on the committee. In order to report something they must have done something worth reporting. This matter of reporting is at the same time a strong incentive to faithful work; for each committee will make an effort to have a good report, and has the satisfaction of knowing that its efforts are being recognized by the whole society. No one will fancy that he is the only one of the society who is doing anything and become dismayed or discouraged.

Thus we have endeavored to establish unity of effort. But not trusting to our own wisdom or resources, but in the Lord who is the source and fountain of all unity, we make it binding upon all our members to use all the means of grace, as regularly as they present themselves and as freely as they are given. Christ is the vine, we are the branches. United with Him as individuals and as a society our unity is complete, and in unity there is strength.

Having shown how we attempted to carry out the principle of unity in our organization, I shall now in a few words show how we try to carry out the other underlying principle of real organization —viz., that of equally distributing the work of the society to the different parts or members. If the greatest amount of work is to be done with the least pressure on the individual, then the work must be as nearly as possible distributed equally among the members. None must be asked to do more, none less than he can do; each must do his full share. No one must be required to do the share of some one else.

In carrying out this principle we followed the example of the Christian Endeavor and other societies, by assigning the various phases of our contemplated work to different committees.

Thus we have an Entertainment Committee that provides for entertainment at our monthly socials; a Devotional Committee that arranges the order of service for our weekly devotional meeting; a Sick Committee that visits and renders assistance to the sick if necessary; a Flower Committee that provides flowers for the pulpit or for the sick; a Lookout Committee that looks after the backsliders.

We also have a Pastor's Committee that submits a quarterly report of all our work to the pastor, and confers with him on all important matters, with a view of receiving from him such suggestions as may be helpful to us.

This is, in short, the way in which we organized.

We do not claim perfection, but we do claim that if perfection is to be attained it must be attained along the lines of the two principles which we have attempted to carry out in our organization—viz , unity of effort and equal distribution of labor.

The Loyal Helpers

A Young People's Story with Larger Meanings

By Leander S. Keyser

Chapter VI.—A Doctrine Tested

After hoisting Horace Phelps to the bank of the gully, the first thing that Willard did was to thrust his hand into the unconscious young man's bosom and feel for his heart. A few moments of silence ensued, broken only by the sobs of Horace's young friend. Then Willard exclaimed, joyfully:

"He isn't dead; his heart is still beating."

"Oh, is he still living?" cried the young man. "That's news of the right kind."

"Yes, and I hope he's not hurt fatally. Now we must get him to town and call a physician. Come along, sir, if you can. I will carry him to my carriage. Are you hurt too badly to walk that far?"

For answer the young fellow struggled to his feet and hobbled after Willard, who carried Horace to the carriage, and told his plans to Amy. Like himself, she was greatly agitated when she learned that their unconscious charge was their former friend and fellow Leaguer, Horace Phelps, but there was no time to spend in exclamations and regrets. She helped Willard to lift Horace into the carriage and lay him on the seat. His companion was stowed in the carriage box in front of the seat, where he could keep his companion from falling, and then Willard and Amy placed themselves at the horse's bridle and walked toward the city. In something over half an hour their patient was placed in charge of a physician, who soon brought him back to partial consciousness.

"There is a severe contusion of the skull, and there are some bad bruises on other parts of his body, but nothing fatal, I hope," announced the practitioner, after making a hasty examination. "It would be best not to move him now. Leave him in my office till morning. Meanwhile, Mr. Balford, you had better go and inform his parents or friends of his mishap."

By morning Horace had recovered full consciousness, and was conveyed to his own home. He suffered intense misery in his head and side for several days, and at times grew delirious; but presently he began to mend rapidly, so stalwart a constitution being proof against accidents of even a more serious nature. In the meantime Willard and Amy went to see him frequently, and tried to cheer him as much as possible.

One evening, after he had become convalescent, they called together at his room. He seemed to be troubled and preoccupied. It was evident that something was weighing on his mind, and the more his visitors tried to encourage him the greater his agitation became. At length he gulped several times, made a supreme effort to control his emotions, and said:

"My friends, I suppose you know what was the cause of my mischance."

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"Yes, it is true, we do," Amy rejoined, in her candid way.

"I am overcome with shame on account of the disraceful bout in which I indulged," Horace confessed, his eyes filling. "The fact is, ever since I left your society simply because I was too vacillating to remain long in one church, I have been going down grade. Somehow, I've lost what little religious principle I had. So I just became desperate, and got to drinking and carousing with a number of wild young fellows. But, humiliating as these facts are, there is something else that troubles me still more."

He paused to regain control of his voice. "My foolhardy driving that night, I am told, endangered your lives, my friends. I might have"—here his voice broke—"killed one or both of you. Oh, I dare not think of it! And now you often come to see me, and are the kindest and most attentive friends I have. All this fills me with shame for my disgraceful conduct. Willard and Miss Gilmore, can you forgive such a good-for nothing wretch as I am?"

The young man's visitors took his hands in a warm clasp and assured him that they cherished no ill will. He soon became calm, and allowed the conversation to drift into other channels. Finally he said:

"I've had a good deal of time to think over matters within the last few days while I have been lying here, and I've come to a decision about my own character. To be honest—and I can't be otherwise with you two—I am too flighty, too unstable. It seems to be in the very grain of my nature. I think that must have been the reason I abandoned your society. But the question is, What shall I do? I feel so weak and worthless. I need something to brace me up, but I don't know what it is."

"Shall I tell you, friend Phelps?" asked Amy, those glowing eyes of hers fixed upon the young man's pallid face.

"Indeed, I wish you would," he said, humbly.

"Above all else, you need to accept and experience the *real presence of Christ*, who is strong to help," was her answer, spoken in low, solemn tones.

A flush mounted to Horace's pale cheek, and his eyes glowed with some feeling akin to anger.

"Miss Gilmore," he said, presently, "I am sorry to hear you use that phrase—'the real presence.' If there is anything in the Lutheran Church that I dislike—yes, I will say it, that I almost detest—it is this doctrine of 'the real presence.'"

"My dear friend," said Amy, kindly, "if you reject one of our Church's most important and most precious doctrines, it is no wonder you could not be loyal to her. There was nothing in your convictions and experience that bound you to the Lutheran Church any

more than to any other. Don't you realize the secret of your wavering life? Now, you say that you do not believe in the real presence of Christ. How is He present, then, if He is not *really* present? Is there such a thing as an unreal presence of our Lord?"

"Well, I confess I don't know," Horace faltered. "It is all hazy to my mind."

"I know how you feel," said Willard. "But I assure you, Horace that as long as you have these obscure conceptions you will not obtain peace and real spiritual strength You must, by study of the Bible and by experience, gain a clear idea of the doctrine. The worst thing about so many people's religious experience is that it is hazy, as you say."

"Well, I believe in the presence of the Holy Spirit," protested Horace. "Isn't that enough?"

"Has it proved satisfactory in your case?" Amy asked, in her keen, direct way.

"Well, no; I confess it has not. There has been something very misty and unreal about my religious life."

"No wonder," added Amy, gently; "you have been trying to content yourself with the presence of the Holy Spirit only, while you also need Jesus and the Father. Let me ask, What is your thought of Jesus? Where do you think He is?"

"At the right hand of God in heaven, whence He sends the Holy Spirit," responded Horace.

"Then Jesus Himself seems to be far away from you—as far as heaven is from earth. Is that your idea?"

"Well—yes, He does not seem to be near me. I long for His presence, but in my thought He is always in the remote heavens."

"My dear friend, that is just your difficulty; you need the assurance of the presence of Jesus Christ as well as that of the Holy Ghost. Now, you must accept the Scriptures more literally and heartily. Jesus Himself says: 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world;' 'I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you;' 'Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.' And Paul says: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory;' 'I live, and yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.'"

"Ah! but all those things are said of Christ's divine nature, not of His human nature," Horace argued.

"No, no," Amy quickly replied. "You cannot divide Christ in that way. You must remember the personal union of the two natures in the person of our Saviour; they are inseparable. All the verses I quoted declare that it is Christ who is present, and Christ is both human and divine. You believe that His divine nature is present, but reject the human part of His person, which is in reality the most precious to you and me, because we are human."

"But how can His humanity be present at more than one place at the same time?" questioned Horace.

"How? Listen to Jesus' own words: 'All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.'"

Horace rose to his elbow, and looked questioningly into the eyes of his interlocutor. Then he dropped on his pillow and gazed at the ceiling of his small room for some moments, engrossed in deep thought. Gradually a smile lit up his features, his lips moved, and he clasped his hands in a fervent outburst of thanksgiving.

"Oh! I see now," he cried, in a joyful tones. "I've been so blind. A poor bat could not have been blinder. I have been limiting the power of Jesus Christ. Why, of course, He can be present wherever He wants to be. And in both natures, of course, of course! Why, it's as plain as the noonday sun! If both natures were not present, it wouldn't really be Jesus. His divine nature is all powerful, and His human nature is joined with the divine nature by means of the personal union. Why, yes; of course, of course, certainly! Isn't it a wonderful doctrine? I do believe in the real presence of our Lord, most certainly I do! I'm so glad you have explained this doctrine to me. No wonder the Lutheran Church will not give it up."

"Good-by, Horace," said Amy, rising. "Study the Bible now with this new key to its interpretation, and see how full of assurance it is."

Horace never studied the Scripture with so intense a fervor as he did during the next few days, nor with such fruitful results. The new experience of Christ's real presence was precisely the staying power he needed to make his life glad, and deep, and steadfast. A few weeks later, having recovered from his bruises, he came back to the Lutheran society in contrition and humility, and ever after, according to the best information I have been able to gain, he remained a stanch and loyal member. He once described his own case in the following apt epigram:

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(To be continued.)

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State Luther League Conventions

Luther League of New York State

WHAT will probably be remembered as a most successful convention was the one held at Cobleskill. The welcome that was extended to the visiting delegates was enthusiastically cordial, and throughout the time of the convention the Lutherans of the "parlor village" did all in their power to make the day pleasant and profitable.

ZION'S CHURCH, COBLESKILL, N. Y.
Where New York State Convention was held

The sessions of the convention were begun on Monday evening, May 15, by addresses of welcome by the pastor of the church, Rev. G. Albert Getty, and by Mr. Arthur T. Warner, president of the Luther League. These were responded to by President Dinkey for the State League and by the presidents of the various District Leagues. After this session a pleasant social hour was spent in the making and receiving of old and new friends.

The convention got down to business on Tuesday morning, and during this and the following sessions discussed "Luther League Influences" and "Luther League Activities and Helps," the speakers under the former being Revs. J. Zimmermann, D D., C. C. Manz and M. J. Bieber, under the latter Mr. I. S. Runyon, Rev. G. A. Bierdemann and Mr. Geo. D. Boschen. Rev. Dr. B Pick also spoke on "The German Church." The rally service on Tuesday evening was well attended. The following addresses were given, interspersed with excellent music and singing by choir and congregation: "Present Day Tendencies," Rev. J. Fred. W. Kitzmeyer; "Lutheran Opportunities," Mr. George D. Boschen; "Contemplative and Energetic Christianity," Rev. Wm. J. Miller.

Wednesday morning the reports of the committees were read. On president's report, the recommendation of the president looking toward wiping out the debt of the Hymnal Committee was acted on in that a committee was appointed to invite subscriptions from the various Leagues to cancel the remaining indebtedness of some $400. A general improvement was mani-

fest in the work of the various District Leagues as reported to the president, and also a greater interest was displayed in the use of the educational features of the National League.

The Committee on Resolutions brought in their report on the various motions presented and also an amendment was presented for biennial meetings instead of annual.

The Committee on Nominations named the following candidates:

For president, Mr. George D. Boschen of New York City.

For vice-president, the various presidents of the District Leagues.

For recording secretary, Mr. Daniel A. Weight, New York City.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, ST. PAUL, MINN.
Where Minnesota State Convention was held

For English corresponding secretary, Rev. M. J. Bieber, Binghamton.

For German corresponding secretary, Mr. Theodore Schmidt, Buffalo.

For statistical secretary, Mr. Henry W. Utz, Rochester.

For treasurer, Mr. Arthur T. Warren, Cobleskill.

For trustees: Rev. J. C. Seegers, Albany; Mr. Geo. P. Moller, Brooklyn; Mr. James M. Reynolds, Valatie.

Upon motion, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the election of the nominees. Upon their election and after the acceptance by the president-elect of the chair the delegates voiced their appreciation of the work of the retiring president and other officers by unanimously rising.

During this session it was resolved to recommend to the Literature Committee that a reading course of German books be named for those societies that wish to read in German.

The business of the convention having been accomplished a motion to adjourn was made and carried, and the closing devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. G. Albert Getty, the pastor of the church.

Luther League of Minnesota

The first convention of the Minnesota State Luther League was held in Memorial English Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn., April 26, 1899. The convention opened at 10 o'clock, services being conducted by the president, Rev. E. G. Lund. The organization begun October 11, 1898, was completed, the proposed constitution adopted and two leagues — St. Paul's of Red Wing and St. Luke's of Goodhue — received into membership.

Officers were elected as follows: Rev. N. J. Loehre, Minneapolis, president; Miss Lydia T. Lagerstrom, Minneapolis, recording secretary; Mr. George W. Merrill, St. Paul, corresponding secretary, Mr. Lundgren, St. Paul, treasurer.

During the afternoon session a "report of delegate to National Convention" was read by Miss L. T. Lagerstrom. Mr. M. S. Kindseth, Minneapolis, read a paper on "How to Read the Bible." President Loehre discussed "The Establishment of Luther League Libraries."

At the evening rally the retiring president, Prof. E. G. Lund, delivered a powerful address on "Education in Relation to the Luther League Work."

The time and place of holding the next annual convention of the State League rests with the Executive Committee.

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Luther League Topics

Outlined and Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Topic for July 2.

Fifth week after Trinity.

The Model Prayer

(Matt. vi, 5-15)

Themes for Papers.—"The Purpose of Prayer."—"The Proper Use of Forms of Prayer."—"Analysis of the Lord's Prayer."—"The Conditions of Acceptable Prayer."—"Practical Lessons."

Confession and Praise are a part of all true prayer, but we dare not forget the fact that prayer is given to us as a means of entreating God for the supply of our temporal and spiritual necessities, and of obtaining what we need from Him. Prayer has an important effect on our own lives, but it has its chief value in the fact that God has promised to answer it. We ought to expect answers, and we ought to be constantly realizing the fact that God does hear and answer our prayers.

The giving of this form of prayer by our Lord ought to silence forever the foolish clamor against the use of forms of prayer. Whether a prayer is formal or not, does not, in the least, depend on the originality or the repetition of the words employed, but does depend wholly on the spirit of the one who prays. Is your very heart in the words? That decides whether the prayer is formal. Let us learn to use the beautiful collects and prayers of our liturgy with intense earnestness.

In the analysis of this wonderful prayer, note that God's honor is the *first* thing in the heart of the true Christian; and that when he prays for himself, three of his requests are for spiritual gifts, and only one for purely temporal things. Note also, in detail, the great comprehensiveness of the seven petitions, and point out the particulars in which it is a model for our praying.

No prayer without faith, for there is no communion with God, or life in Him, without faith; and prayer (as the position given it in the Catechism indicates) is an exercise of the life of fellowship in him who has learned the law, and trusted in the Gospel set forth in the Creed. And *no prayer without love*, for he who does not pray also for others can scarcely know how to pray truly for himself. We must say "*our*" and "*us*" not merely "me" and "my."

Topic for July 9.

Sixth week after Trinity.

Enduring Treasures

(Matt. vi, 19-23)

The themes for papers here may very readily be drawn from the divisions already given in the topic. They might be stated as follows: "The Contrast Between Earthly and Heavenly Riches."—"How to Use Earthly Treasures—What is Forbidden."—"What are the Treasures which we Are Commanded to Lay Up."—"How to Lay Up Heavenly Treasure."—"Practical Lessons."

1. Let us learn to think as God does about treasures. To do so, we must use an entirely different standard from that of the world. All that ministers to immediate gratification, in pleasure, fame or power is treasure in the definition of men. Only that which endures to eternity, and has value there, is treasure in God's sight. The blessed thing is, that true treasures give also the deepest happiness here, though they are not sought for that end.

2. Are we sure we put things in the right relations? Our business—do we make it first, or do we seek success in it, that we may thereby serve God better? Is not this the whole distinction between the true and the false use of this world? Is God *first* in our lives? Then we will not be harmed by the possession of riches and all goood things. Is God *second* or *last*, then we have within us the fundamental evil which will turn poverty into as great a curse as riches unsanctified. If we fear, love and trust in God above all things, then in all things we have blessing.

3. Do we possess the heavenly treasures? Here is a most important question. Is the love of God in us? Are we Christ's, and is He ours? If not then it were most profitable that we sell all and buy the pearl of great price. Ask yourself earnestly, and be sure that you have the right answer to this inquiry.

4. Are you growing rich in heavenly things? This is the place to be avaricious! Let us "covet earnestly the best things." A man may well be ambitious and covetous of these heavenly riches! The worst thing is that he should be indifferent to them. It is not enough to possess them.

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He must put out his talent at interest and bring increase. Are you a wise merchantman? Are you giving to this cause as much zeal as business men around you give to the increase of their goods? Are you laying up your treasures in heavenly banks? Only that which we use for God will we have when this life is over.

Topic for July 16.
Seventh week after Trinity.

The Golden Rule

(Matt. vii, 1-14)

Themes for Papers. — Contrast the Golden Rule with the Practice of Our Day (give detailed illustrations of its application).—"The Golden Rule a Positive Injunction."—"The Basis of the Golden Rule."—"Practical Lessons."

Without entering into the question whether our day is more deficient than other times in the unselfish character demanded by the Golden Rule, we may concede without difficulty that the life of the man who is not under the control of God's Spirit is far from the life which this Rule sets forth. Self-seeking, the testing of all questions by the prospect of personal benefit involved, the willingness to profit by the loss of others, and at their expense, the unkind judgments, the pleasure in noting others' faults, the evil speaking—all these so widely prevalent characteristics of human nature as we know it, are in strongest opposition to the words of Christ in this wonderful precept, this marvelous summary of the second table of the Law.

It is evident that a merely negative life is not a Christian life in the truest sense. It is not enough that after we are forgiven we should simply remember the "Thou shalt not" of the Law. To fight and fear sin is a large part of duty, but there is no better way to "overcome evil" than with "good." The life that goes out to do whatever would be for the neighbor's gain will, in this very effort, fortify the heart strongly against Satan's assaults. The heart filled with noble aims, and the life ocupied in carrying them out, will have small room left for the possession or even the entrance of the enemy. After faith, rooted in faith, come *works!* Too many are simply trying *not* to do wrong. In the love of God, *do* what your hand finds to do.

Mere philanthropy does not give a firm enough foundation for the exercise of the Golden Rule. Nothing will serve for such a basis except the love to God, springing from vital faith in Him, which leads to and involves the love to fellow-man. From any other source can come at best only fitful, spasmodic compliances. How is it with you? Does your life square with the Rule?

Topic for July 23.
Eighth week after Trinity.

True and False Foundations

(Matt. vii, 24-29)

Themes for Papers —"How to Build a Character."—"True Wisdom and Its Opposite."—"The Firm Foundation."—"Practical Lessons."

The word "character" means the mark made by a graving tool, or the stamp from a die on a coin. The fossils bear the marks or "character" of the feet of birds, or even the form of grasses which touched the stone when it was yielding clay. Here is a parable: You are making a character every day and every word and deed has its influence, every friendship and association leaves its mark. After a while it will harden, and naught will change it. Why not build it for yourself with God as the Architect, and choose what shall go into the structure and tend toward its final form and worth?

If your house must stand storms and stress will it not be foolish to build less than the best? Is not the strongest the most worthy? Will not the wise man choose that which will endure? And if the consequences of a fall must prove fatal, will he not forego present indulgence that he work may stand the test? He only is wise who considers the end, and sets himself to succeed.

Only a fool builds on the sand. What pains and expense men spend to find a firm foundation for the tall buildings in our great cities. They must do it or lose all that is built upon the foundation. There is but one life-foundation that is safe. Christ is the rock. Poor Luther tried for long to build upon his own merits, sacrifices, sufferings. The building would not even stand the storms of his own spirit. What would it do in the day of the swellings of Jordan? Fools, fools, who trust in themselves!

Where are you building? What sort of material are you using? Is your house strong enough for the storms of to-day? How will it bear the testing of the last day? Are you safe? And does your building grow in beauty and in strength?

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Book Reviews

By Rev. Fred'k H. Knubel

A Dictionary of the Bible, Dealing with Its Language, Literature and Contents, Including the Biblical Theology. Edited by James Hastings, M.A., D.D., and John A. Selbie, M.A. Four vols. I (pp. 864) and II (pp. 870) now ready. Occasional new and excellent maps and illustrations. Cloth, $6 per vol.; half-morocco, $8. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Specimen pages on request.

This work seems likely to be the desired one to displace the old unabridged Smith's Dictionary. It is for scholars and students, and not one of them should be without it. The articles are evidently no mere revision of former productions, but are entirely new; every important one has the signature of the writer. Most English specialists of note, a number of Americans and a few Germans are found among the contributors. Several articles are very extensive and thorough, the one on Jesus Christ covering 50 double-column pages. Each lengthy article is conveniently indexed, the matter being thus quickly available. Our search under a number of headings has left an impression of reasonable fairness in almost every case to all views on disputed questions. Those that concern the Old Testament generally give favor to a mediating position, at times opposing extreme negative ideas vigorously, at times also failing to give the old conservative thought proper recognition. As for the New Testament, in accordance with the present results of study, measurably conservative conclusions are stated. This is illustrated in a sentence that touches the atonement from the article on Jesus Christ: "If we follow the method indicated above, if we take the hints in the Gospels, with the fuller light thrown upon them by the Epistles, we shall be led to the conclusion that there was something yet more in the life and death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ than this, that there was something in these connected acts of His which had its counterpart in the sacrifices of the Old Testament; and that the deepest meaning and purpose of sacrifice was fulfilled in Him. This is a belief that Christians have held from the first day onward." Lutherans will be pleased to see baptismal regeneration asserted: "Baptism is called 'washing of regeneration,' not merely because it symbolizes it, or pledges a man to it, but also, and chiefly, because it effects it." The article on the Lord's Supper will appear in one of the coming volumes. We await the others with interest. It need hardly be said further that the laborious editing deserves congratulation. The make-up of the book is characteristic of Scribner.

The Messages of the Earlier Prophets. By Frank K. Sanders, Ph.D., and Chas. F. Kent, Ph.D. Second edition, pp. 300. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

The first volume of a series entitled "The Messages of the Bible." It is to be a freely rendered paraphrase of the Scriptures, with an analysis of each book and an arrangement chronologically. There will be twelve volumes, each of them in size a conveniently small hand-book. The standpoint of the whole work is that which modern higher criticism *claims* as the assured results of recent scholarship. The discussion thereof cannot be entered into here. Those who do not agree therewith can, however, by careful reading, find much that is helpful in the understanding of God's Word. The paraphrase into modern English has been excellently done, provides in some respects a commentary, and approaches at times the beauty and enthusiasm of the original.

Bible History for Schools and the Home. Authorized by the Ev. Luth. Augustana Synod in North America. Pp. 271. Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill. Cloth, 35 cents.

This is much different from the above "Messages of the Bible." It is one more of the well-known Lutheran Bible Histories, destined soon to occupy their rightly important place in the work of American churches. It stands of course on the old conservative views of the Scripture, but we might wish that the fine paraphrasing of the above had been more adopted in this book, instead of the sometimes (to children) enigmatical language of our English Bible. The illustrations, especially those in connection with Jesus, are a vast improvement over older Bible histories. The four maps are a valuable addition.

— The Lutheran Cyclopædia, edited by Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., and Rev. John A. W. Haas, B.D., will be ready about July 1. It will give a fair and comprehensive view of the teachings, history, life, constitution, organization, liturgy, missionary work, customs, leading men, &c., of the Lutheran churches. The publishers, Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons, 153-157 Fifth avenue, New York, are offering the book, which will sell at $5, at a reduction of 20 per cent., or $4 net, on all advance orders, payable $1 on delivery and $1 a month for three months.

The Luther League Topics

To meet the demands it was necessary to print a second edition for June, July and August, 1899. About 1,500 copies are still unsold. If you need any send in your order at once and save disappointment. No more will be printed for this quarter. If orders had been sent in in time, as so often requested, the printing and *extra cost* of a second edition would have been saved. These are "Little Sticks" (?), but they don't burn well.

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As we go for our summer outings let us remember that one great requisite for the Christian is faithfulness. We are not asked to work miracles. John the Baptist "did no miracle," yet none was accounted greater than he. We are not asked to live brilliant lives, but lives faithful to Christ wherever we are. Here will lie many an opportunity for us to do excellent work during our summer vacation by bearing faithful witness for our Master. Do not leave your Christianity and all its evidences at home when you go for your summer's outing.

There is no better time for helpful reading of your Bible than the summer days when you are away from the noise and tumult of the city. No man knows his Bible unless he has hours when he is absolutely alone with it. What rich and precious opportunities the summer vacation will offer many of us for quiet and prayerful study of that precious volume. Let us be determined to make the most of them.

If we were asked to name the greatest pleasure of our summer's outing we would without hesitancy answer, the opportunity which it affords for *quiet* communion with God. Taken in this spirit the summer's rest becomes a wonderful stimulus through the most exacting labors of the year. With your mind freed from many of the distractions of the busy life of the city make the most of your precious summer days of leisure for more intimate and prayerful communion with the Lord of Life.

We hear and read a great deal in our time about the necessity for a wide awake pulpit, for preachers who deliver attractive and inspiring sermons. But what about the *uninspiring pew?* Take a look at the inattentive congregations, the faces that plainly indicate that the thoughts are on worldly and not spiritual subjects. Recall the flippant, insignificant, unkind criticisms constantly indulged in and which always come to the ears of the preacher. Think of yourself standing before such pews and then ask yourself how much inspiration you would have for your Sunday sermons. If we need anything to day it is the sympathetic congregations eager for more of the truth as it is in Jesus, congregations that come to learn and not merely to be entertained. Given such pews we will surely have pulpits that are "tongues of fire."

How mighty is the power of encouragement! All the best educators tell us that it is one of the most valuable stimulants in the development of the minds and characters of children. How slow we often are to learn this in Christian work. We seem to think that criticism is the one remedy for all our troubles in church activities. If each one of us can only get a chance to

criticise then the work will go on gloriously. Will it? Some time since a gentleman, describing to us the condition of a certain congregation, said that it was afflicted with "dry rot." Learning more concerning the condition of that congregation we discovered that this habit of criticism was rampant among the members, and as a result all the spirit had gone out of that church and it was evident to all that the congregation was sure to go to pieces unless a great change took place. In how many more congregations is this the case?

Cultivate the habit of encouragement. Wherever you find a wide awake, active congregation you discover that the members exercise this spirit. It is so easy to cultivate it. There is so much about which we can speak encouragingly in our work as Christians. In all our congregations there are so many encouraging features. Don't be a critic. If you are you become a wet blanket to every project and every worker. Anybody can be a critic. It requires neither brains nor grace. There is enough criticism from without, so do not fear that your preacher or your fellow workers will become conceited unless you clip their wings. A critic has no friends. The earnest and hard workers need those who can speak an honest word of encouragement. Let your words cheer men, not discourage them.

The largest congregation, says an exchange, is not necessarily the strongest. We want to see our church crowded with souls that are hungering and thirsting after righteousness. We want the multitude that is eager to serve the Lord with its whole heart, mind, strength and soul. If the large congregation lacks this spirit, it is like the fig-tree—abounding only in leaves. Let us work and pray for faithful congregations, for doers of the work as well as hearers; for quality as well as quantity.

The manufacture of a large corporation was recently put upon the market, and sold to such a large extent through judicious advertising that, in two of the large cities of our land, it was necessary to withdraw from the newspapers the advertisement before the contracts had expired, the supply not being equal to the demand caused by this extended announcement of the manufacture. We often wonder that our Church publications are not more largely advertised, and that our Church people fail to recognize the immense power wielded by the press. In looking over some of the leading dailies of our large cities we are surprised to find a lack of Lutheran information. The Church services are not advertised like those of other denominations, the work of the Church is not brought to the attention of the daily readers, and frequently our work, yea, our very existence, is unknown because we fail or hesitate to tell even a small amount of what we are doing. It is not necessary to sound a trumpet and thereby proclaim our position, nor is it right to keep in the background and fail to have ourselves known and read by all men. The silent work cannot be told, but it is well sometimes to let our friends and neighbors know that we are alive. The REVIEW claims to have been a benefit thus far to those using its advertising columns, and we would be glad to have others benefited in the same way, as well as to receive therefrom a benefit to ourselves.

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The Juniors' League

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Ground Plans

Every architect and builder knows the value and necessity of a good ground plan. By it every part of the foundation is measured and laid, the fullest advantage of the ground to be occupied is gained and every part of the after building is based upon it. And one of the most important considerations in building up a Junior League that shall be a lasting, standing benefit in the church, of the church and for the church is the general scope and arrangement of its system and its relation of part with part.

In organizing, equipping and perpetuating a Junior League upon a strong and substantial foundation consideration should be paid to the requirements of the society, the style of the talent it may contain or develop, the age and the general abilities of the young workers.

"What do you expect your Juniors to do?" is the first question; and the second may well be, "What relation do these Juniors sustain to the League or other organizations of the congregation?"

In every event, in and beneath the organization, there must needs be a corps of true, faithful, experienced (if possible, volunteer) men or women of the church, fitted for the work, chosen or appointed to be present invariably with the Juniors, to see that all is done as well as it can be, that time is not lost and that at the close of each meeting an outline is devised for the next one. Great interest must be taken in this matter, the scope being much wider than even the work of a teacher of a class in Sunday school.

The most suitable hour should be found for the meetings. The time ought not to interfere with the work of the Sunday school or the League itself. Boys and girls can more suitably meet during the afternoon than at night.

Some ideas that are important to adopt are the name of the young organization, the motto, the objects to be kept in view and subserved, the officers [president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, roll keeper, organist, leader (or leaders) in singing, ushers, distributers, collectors and others], the age required for joining the Junior League and that for passing into the Lu ther League from the Junior League, &c.

Some system may be devised for keepin all together by placing each ten members in charge of a leader, who shall report the cause of non-attendance by any absentee and convey any message, flowers or other gift to his absent fellows.

Adopt a brief suitable order for opening and closing meetings, based upon the Luther League Hymnal.

At every meeting the exercises may be enriched by choice recitations, appropriate music and other suitable features.

If meetings occur weekly the four (or five) occasions each month may be readily varied by making them: 1. Spiritual. 2. Moral. 3. Intellectual and entertaining. 4 Friendly and social. (5. Special.)

Interest should ever be specially taken in the sick members of the League.

A system of rewards for fidelity to duty, faithful attendance and other worthy traits may also be devised.

There are opportunities for good every day.

The great but subtle difference between the good man and the bad man lies chiefly in what each loves to think of.

A high sense of duty is a trait that saves many a young life from going to utter ruin.

In order to win souls for Christ and the League we must give them those blessings which are far better than the world offers. People who know what is good and right usually will follow it if the proper inducements are used to aid them.

Cannot every Junior League do something for the cause of our orphan children? How worthy the object and how excellent the purpose!

Keep the idea of memorizing beautiful passages of Scripture and other choice selections among the foremost purposes of the League. This can be done by having chosen members to recite at the meetings during the exercises.

Reduced Rates to St. Louis

On account of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, at St. Louis, Mo., June 20 to 23, 1899, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets from points on its line, to St. Louis and return, at *greatly reduced rates.* Tickets will be sold June 18 and 19, good to return until June 25.

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Our Churches and Institutions

IN SOME OF THE CITIES

New York City

— The Marie Louise Heins Home for the Aged and Infirm, at Mount Vernon, an illustration of which is shown upon another page of this number, was formally dedicated on May 30. There are 12 rooms in the home. Applicants for admission to the home may address Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

— It is reported that the Gustavus Adolphus Swedish Church, Rev. M. Stolpe, pastor, has recently reduced its debt by $2,000.

— The Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Rev. F. H. Knubel, pastor, after one year's use, has returned to the Church Extension Board of the General Synod the $3,000 they so kindly loaned them for five years without interest.

— Rev. E. P. Behrens, formerly of St. Matthew's Church, Borough of the Bronx, has received and accepted a call to Trinity Church, Harvard, Ill.

— Rev. Justus Ruperti, well known in this city as the former pastor of St. Matthew's Church, on Broome street, died at Neumunster, Germany, on May 16.

— St. John's Church, East 119th street, Rev. H. C. Steup, pastor, is contemplating the erection of a new and more commodious church building. Plans are being discussed and a building fund has been started.

— Rev. Herman Berkemeier of Hudson, N. Y., has been elected to succeed his father, the late Rev. W. Berkemeier, as missionary in the Lutheran Emigrant House, New York.

— The late Augustus E. Haaren, for many years connected with St. Peter's congregation, Rev. Drs. E. F. and A. B. Moldehnke, pastors, and a member of the church council, has bequeathed to this congregation the sum of $1,000, and $400 to St. Paul's Church, Rev. J. A. W. Haas, pastor.

Brooklyn

— Phenomenal growth has attended the labors of Rev. H. E. Clare during his six months' pastorate in the newly organized Calvary English Church. The small band of followers with which he organized soon purchased a church building that was abandoned by others who moved to a new and more spacious structure. After a few months this old church has been renovated and improved, and was formally dedicated on May 7. The improvements cost $1,700, but to the surprise of all the contributions of the three services on dedication day amounted to $2,020.20. Rev. A. S. Hartman, D.D, deiivered the dedication sermon and conducted the service of offerings. At the afternoon service the main address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Remensnyder. Rev. W. E. Main also extended greetings to the new congregation, which he was instrumental in starting. In the evening addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. J. J. Young, Hon Charles A. Schieren and Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D. The meetings were continued for several evenings and the prospects for the future of the work are very flattering.

— Rev. A. H. Studebaker, D.D., of the First Church of Baltimore has taken charge of St. Matthew's Church as the successor of Rev. W. E. Main.

— Rev. E. C. J. Kracling celebrated the tenth anniversary of his pastorate in Zion Church on May 19.

— The St. Paul's Swedish Congregation, Rev. J. S. Brodeen, pastor, has recently altered and thoroughly renovated the interior of its church. The value of all improvements aggregates $1,200. Enough money is in sight to cover every expense.

Philadelphia

— The thirty-fifth annual commencement of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mount Airy, Philadelphia, was held in St. Michael's Church, Germantown, on Tuesday, May 23, at 8 p.m. Thirty-three theological students were graduated.

— Rev. S. G. Shannon recently completed the tenth year of his pastorate of Bethany Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. During these ten years 420 persons were received. The losses through death, dismissals and otherwise make the present membership 296.

— The handsome new Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Lehigh avenue and Ninth street was consecrated last month with the usual impressive exercises. The pastor, Rev. W. Oeser, led the large congregation from the parish house to the new church.

— Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Sixtieth and Callowhill streets, West Philadelphia, was opened for divine worship on Whitsunday, May 21. Dr. Charles S. Albert, D.D., preached the sermon in the morning. Among the speakers in the afternoon were Rev. Wm. O. Ibach, Mr. Frank A. Hartranft and Theophilus H. Smith, Esq. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., of Trinity Church, Germantown.

Louisville

— By the will of Caroline S. Skidmore the sum of $2,500 is left to the First English Lutheran Church, Rev. S. S. Waltz, D.D., pastor, to be used in purchasing a pipe organ.

Pittsburgh

— Rev. D. L. Roth has resigned at Butler, Pa., and accepted a call to Grace Church, Pittsburg, formerly served by Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, missionary superintendent.

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cians will be held in the First English Church, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., pastor, on June 15 and 16.

Washington

— On May 15 Rev. W. E. Parsons, D.D., completed the twentieth anniversary of his pastorate of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, of which he has been the first and only pastor. The congregation was started in 1879 with 60 members, the present enrollment being 400.

Jersey City

— The English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer recently celebrated its first anniversary. Addresses were delivered by Revs. F. H. Knubel, E. E. Neudewitz, J. F. Kitzmeyer, W. H. Feldman and Dr. E. J. Wolf. The pastor, Rev. John E. Heindel, briefly reviewed the history of the first year.

St. Louis

— The Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States, the largest Synod of the Synodical Conference, met in this city from April 26 to May 6. Six hundred delegates and visitors were present. The venerable president, Rev. H. C. Schwan, D.D., who has served the Synod as its executive officer for 21 years, declined a re-election. The Synod voted him an annual pension of $1,000.

— On April 16 the parochial school of Christ German Lutheran Church observed its fiftieth anniversary. The school numbers 397 scholars.

Baltimore

— The Swedish Lutheran St. Olof's Church of this city was dedicated on the 7th ult., Rev. Dr. C. A. Blomgren officiating.

Omaha

— The Danish Lutheran Church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary April 29 and 30.

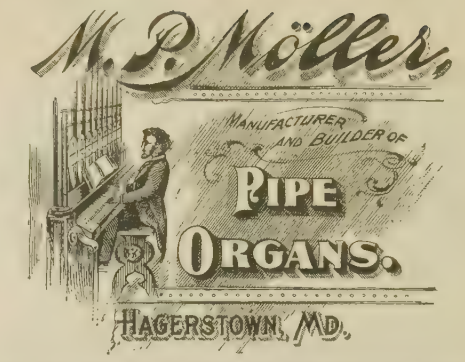
St. Paul

— The Augustana Synod convenes in annual meeting in the First Swedish Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn., Rev. L. A. Johnston, pastor, on June 9.

MISCELLANY

— The one hundred and eighth meeting of the New York Ministerium began on June 8 at Rondout, N. Y., in Trinity Church, Rev. A. Schmidtkonz, pastor.

— Rev. Geo. B. Hiller has resigned as pastor of the English Church at Oswego and accepted the call to Zion Church, Athens, N. Y.



— The Church of the Redeemer, in Binghamton, N. Y., Rev. M. J. Bieber, pastor, celebrated its tenth anniversary May 7.

— Rev. H. Hartwig has resigned St. John's Church, Lyons, N. Y. His resignation took effect May 1.

— Hon J. J. Reimensnyder of Northumberland, Pa., father of Revs. Dr. J. B. Reimensnyder of New York and J. M. Reimensnyder, and Geo. B. Reimensnyder, Esq., died May 2, 1899, at the age of 87 years. He was a Lutheran minister, a native of Virginia, and served 22 years as a pastor.

— At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster of Allentown, Pa., was elected professor of Biblical theology in that institution.

— The commencement of Irving College, at Mechanicsburg, Pa., occurred on June 3 and was very successful.

— St. John's Church, Hamburg, Pa., Rev. H. C. Kline, pastor, was consecrated on May 21. Revs. J. Fry, D.D., and F. J. F. Schantz, D.D., participated in the services.

— The Swedish congregations at Willimantic and Norwich, Conn., have agreed to form one parish. Rev. N. Gibson, the pastor, will live in Willimantic.

— Trinity Church, New Haven, Conn., celebrated the tenth anniversary of the dedication of their church edifice on May 14.

— The New England Conference of the Missouri Synod will meet on July 11 and 12 at Rockville, Conn.

— The City Council of Charleston, S. C., has agreed to keep in repair and supply a competent attendant for the clock and chimes which the ladies of St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church, Charleston, S. C., will soon place in the tower of their church. The steeple of St. Matthew's Church is the most prominent object of its kind in Charleston.

— The new St. Paul's Church at Lutherville, Md., a handsome Gothic structure of wood and stone, was recently dedicated with impressive ceremonies. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. M. W. Hamma, D.D., of Washington, and the service of dedication was performed by the pastor, Rev. John F. Crigler.

— The corner stone of the new Upala College, at New Orange, N. J., was laid on May 30.

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NEW YORK STATE

New York City

— The Luther League of New York City will hold its next bi-monthly delegates' meeting at Bethany Church, Teasdale Place, near Third avenue, on Friday evening, June 16, at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is expected.

— John H. Meyer, a member of St. John's Social Union, graduates from Pennsylvania College this month and will enter the Theological Seminary next fall. He is the fourth one of St. John's boys to take up the ministry as a life work. Three of the young men, Revs. Neudewitz, Knubel and Feldmann, are already serving congregations in this vicinity.

— It is with deep sorrow we chronicle the death of Miss Kate B. Seltzer, an active Luther Leaguer and devoted church member. Her work in Holy Trinity League and also more recently as president of the Young People's Society of the new Church of the Advent, is well known and needs no comment at our hands. To the bereaved mother and brother we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Brooklyn

— The Luther League of Calvary Church, Rev. H. E. Clare, pastor, gave $100 toward the cost of the new church, which was dedicated last month. The League is in a flourishing condition.

Rhinebeck District

— The eighteenth convention of the Luther League of the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Green and Ulster was held at Valatie May 2 in St. Luke's Church, Rev. U. N. Graves, pastor. The church was very prettily decorated with flowers, mottoes and a large white cross. A large number of delegates and visitors were present. There were four sessions, two in the afternoon and two in the evening. Papers were read on "What Makes a Good Convention," by Miss Ada Petry of Hudson; "What Makes a Good Young People's Society," by Miss Gertrude C. J. Traver of Viewmonte, and on "What Makes a Good Young People's Meeting," by Mrs. E. A. Ottman of Ghent. Prof. W. L. Willias of Valatie High School made a very witty address of welcome and Rev. E. G. Hay of Red Hook made the response for the district. The speakers in the evening were Rev. W. H.

Stutts of Manorton on "The Study of the Bible" and Rev. W. G. Thrall of Albany on "Christian Capitalists." The old officers of the district were re-elected. They are Mrs. J. W. Lake of Ancram, pres.; Miss M. Emma Stupplebeen of Hudson, rec. sec.; J. M. Reynolds of Valatie, cor. sec., and John M. Shook of Hudson, treas. The reports of the officers show the district to be in very good shape. The next convention will be held either at Red Hook or Viewmonte.

— Rev. L. D. Wells has begun the work at his new charge at Rhinebeck by reorganizing the Luther League connected with his church at that place.

— The Valatie Luther League has succeeded in having the Luther League Hymnals adopted for use in the Lutheran Sunday school of that place. The belief is that the singing in both League and Sunday school will be benefited by the change.

— The last report of the corresponding secretary of this district shows that the societies at Viewmonte and Athens each made a gain of 13 members during the past six months. Viewmonte is the banner society of the district.

Albany and Vicinity

— The sixteenth semi-annual convention of the Luther League of the Albany District was held in the German Trinity Church, Troy, N. Y., Rev. A. F. Walz, pastor, on Tuesday, May 9. Addresses were delivered by Revs. A. E. Schmitthenner of Canajoharie, W. A. Lambert of Albany, W. F. Barnett of Melrose, J. H. Weaver of Center Brunswick, and F. W. Klingensmith of Utica. There were three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening. An essay read by Mr. Max Kraus is printed in this number.

— There is talk of forming a Schoharie County Luther League. There are quite a number of Lutheran Y. P. societies in Schoharie County.

— The Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Utica, N. Y., Rev. F. W. Klingensmith, pastor., is making a vigorous effort to help the congregation liquidate the pending church debt. At Easter they contribued $150 and intend to give the same amount at their next Easter offering. At present they are endeavoring to increase the attendance at the church services and are meeting with marked success. The officers of the League are: Pres., Eugene Hieber; vice-pres., George Heinrich; rec. sec., Miss Clara Guelich; cor. sec., Miss Emma L. Kehrle; treas., Mr. William Johann.

Buffalo

— It is reported that the Walther League, the young people's organization of the Missouri Church, will hold their national convention in Buffalo on July 22 to 26. Anniversary services are to be held in Trinity (German) Church on Sunday evening, July 23.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Counties

— The B. M. C. Central Luther League will be well represented at the State convention in Allegheny City June 13 and 14. The following delegates expect to be there, viz.: Rev. O. F. Waage and wife, Pennsburg, Pa.; Geo. W. Zimmerman, Collegeville; I. G. Remich and wife, Pottstown, Pa.; Miss Martha Rydberg, Norristown, Pa.; Frank L. Brown and wife, and Rev. R. D. Roeder, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Norristown.

Allentown District

— The sixth annual convention of the Allentown District Luther League was held in Trinity Church, Freemansburg, on May 12. It was an enthusiastic meeting and a very large delegation from all parts of the Lehigh Valley had assembled. Encouraging reports were presented by the officers and different committees. The Bethlehem and Bangor local centers gave particularly gratifying reports. The Extension Committee reported that five new Leagues have been organized in this district since our last convention. The Credential Committee's report showed a total of 24 societies, comprising a membership exceeding 1,200 Leaguers. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Pres., Chas. Dennig, Easton; vice-pres., Warren Roberts, Freemansburg; sec., Warren Bieber, Bethlehem; treas., H. H. Bennett, Easton., and cor. sec., Miss Margaret Drake, Easton. Much stress was laid on the importance of the REVIEW and it is believed that our subscription list will be doubled within a few months' time.

The Rev. Jas. F. Lambert of Catasauqua and Stewart A. Shimer of Bethlehem were elected as delegates to the State convention in June, and all individual Leagues were urged to send delegates.

Great interest was manifested in the excursion to be run by the Leaguers to Glen Onoko on July 13, the entire proceeds to go to St. Stephen's Lutheran Mission in North Bethlehem.

At the evening session edifying and instructive addresses were delivered, as follows: Rev. J. O. Schlenker, Hazleton, on "Power;" Rev. Geo. W. Sandt, Philadelphia. "The Coming Lutheran." Rev. Dr. Keedy of Hagerstown, Md., and H. Douglass Spaeth also made brief addresses. The delegates returned home well pleased and with a better understanding of the work before them.

The following committees were appointed:

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—The tenth semi-annual convention of the Luther Leagues of Bangor Local Center was held in Grace Church, East Stroudsburg, Pa., Rev. J. Wm. H. Heintz, pastor, on Thursday, May 4. Mr. Milton Speer of Pen Argyl is president of the Local Center.

—Rev. J. L. Sibole of Philadelphia on Thursday evening, May 4, delivered an instructive address before the Bethlehem Luther League Central on "The Young Christian's Library."

Northeastern Pennsylvania League

—At the recent convention of the Luther League of Northeastern Pennsylvania, held in Trinity Church, Scranton, Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor, the evening session was especially fine. It was composed of a musical programme of superior quality and a very fine address on "The Model League" by Rev. F. F. Fry of Bethlehem, Pa.

Upper Lehigh Valley League

—The above named League met in their tenth semi-annual convention in St. Luke's Church, Freeland, Rev. J. J. Kuntz, pastor, on April 25 and 26. Representatives from 16 Leagues from the counties of Monroe, Carbon and Luzerne were present, there being eight pastors and 46 delegates enrolled.

The first session was devoted to an address of welcome by the pastor *loci*, a response from the president, Rev. E. F. Ritter, and the transaction of business. The president's report was very encouraging, as this Central has been donating annually to our orphans' home, to home and foreign missions, besides the mission at North Scranton and Audenreid.

The newly elected officers are: Mr. George F. Begel, Weissport, pres.; Mr. William H. Reppel, Freeland, vice-pres.; Miss Edith I. Kuntz, Freeland, sec.; Mr. Chas. W. Rohrig, Mauch Chunk, treas. Rev. D. G. Gerberich was requested to secure subscriptions for the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

At the second session the following topics were discussed: "What the League is Doing for Our Church," by Mr. John Schroeder of West Hazleton; "The Luther League and the Christian Endeavor Society," by Rev. A. O. Ebert; "What the League is Doing for Us," by Mr. Wm. H. Reppel, and "Does the Luther League in Its Present Methods Answer the Purposes of Its Founders?" by Rev. H. H. Bruning, Ph.D.

The third and the evening session was very well attended, the seating capacity of the church being taxed to its utmost. The following were the exercises: Essay by Miss Anzionette Bauer of Lehighton, "What Opportunities are Open to Women to Engage in the Work of Missions?" Address in German by Rev. J. O. Schlenker, "What Can Our Young People Do for the Congregation?". Declamation by Miss Cora E. Shupp of Kresgeville. Address, "Cyphers," by Rev. W. L. Hunton of Wilkes-Barre. Essay, "The Luther League—Its Shortcomings and Great Opportunity," by Miss Lena Stumpf, Hazleton.

The fourth and last session was devoted partly to business and addresses on the topics "The Model League," by Mr. Geo. F. Begel, Weissport; "The Luther League and Its Library," by Mr. John Stark, Weissport.; "How to Get the Older and Younger Members Interested in the Work of the League," by Miss Mary Schaefer of West Hazleton. Then came impromptu remarks—"The Good of the Cause," "What We Need," "Where We Have Failed," "What Ought to be Changed?"

The place selected for the next meeting in the fall is White Haven. It was resolved to hold another excursion during the summer, as three very successful excursions have already been held. One thousand copies of an address on church music have been printed, the greater number being distributed among the members of the Leagues. Rev. J. J. Kuntz was elected delegate to the State convention at Allegheny in June.

Juniata Central

—The Juniata Central Luther League met at Newport, Pa., on May 4 and 5. The evening addresses, by Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., Greensburg, Pa., and Rev. E. H. Delk, Hagerstown, Md., were very instructive and much appreciated. Papers were presented by Miss Minnie Moser, Miss Bertha Kerns, Mrs. D. U. Blair and Prof. D. E. Harkins. The officers are as follows: Pres., Rev. G. M. Dieffenderfer; vice-pres., Rev. J. B. Lau, Prof. J. E. Harmon, Mr. M. L. McClintic; rec. sec., Miss Bertha Kerns; cor. sec., Miss Minnie Moser; treas., Mr. T. K. Beaver. The convention was full of interest and enthusiasm. The papers, discussions and addresses were all spirited and spiritual. The music was fine and floral decorations beautiful. The convention was in all respects most delightful, and doubtless will result in great good to our young people.

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— A very delightful missionary entertainment was given by the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Mt. Joy Church, Adams County, Rev. W. G. Minnick, pastor, on the evening of May 14. Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., of Midland College, Atchison, Kan., delivered the address.

Pittsburg Central

— The Pittsburg Central League met May 11 in Bethany Lutheran Church, Rev. J. Weidly, pastor, East End, Pittsburg, in quarterly convention. But little routine business appearing, except the election of five delegates to attend the State League June 13 and 14, in Trinity Church, Allegheny, Pa., Rev. A. J. Turkle, pastor, and the report of the Committee of Arrangements for the State League, the programme was proceeded with by a paper on "The Church Homeless," by Miss Bieghley, an address by Rev. Dr. Belfour on "Seeking the Negligent and Neglected," followed by another on "Intelligent Service" by Rev. Mr. Turkle. The papers and addresses were among the ablest ever given to the Central and were listened to with undivided attention. There is a current of eager expectancy regarding the State convention. The next meeting will be held at New Kensington, Rev. E. F. Dickey, pastor, in August.

— In entering upon the twelfth year of its organization the Parish and Mission Society of the First English Evangelical Church, Pittsburg, Rev. Dr. D. H. Geissinger, pastor, has elected the following officers: Pres., Chas. W. Fuhr; vice-pres., Horace W. Bikle; sec., Miss Annie Sheafer; treas., Alfred Buhl; organist, Frank Benbow. "How the Bible Came to be Accepted as the Word of God" was the subject of an interesting lecture by the pastor before the society at its monthly meeting in April.

— The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of Bethel Church, Allegheny, Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, pastor, has contributed $25 to the church lot debt.

— The Junior Luther League of Grace Church, Allegheny, Rev. J. J. Brubeck, pastor, is in an encouraging condition. At a recent business meeting they elected the following officers: Pres., Miss Elma Eichenberg; vice-pres., Miss Lizzie Gilfert; sec., Miss Emma Mentel; treas., Miss Lottie Boeniker; organist, Miss Emma Vogel; librarian, Miss Augusta Eichenberg; assistant librarian, Miss Stella Vogel. The work they have decided upon is the raising of funds for foreign missions, an India mission Christmas box and an increase and renewing of the local library. The League numbers about 50 members.

OHIO

— The fourth annual convention of the Luther League of Ohio will be held in Trinity Church, at Canton, Rev. J. D. Hall, D.D., pastor, June 20, 21. The first session will begin on Tuesday, June 20, at 2.30 p.m. Any local society in connection with an Evangelical Lutheran Church may send two delegates.—ANNETTE COPLIN, Secretary.

INDIANA AND WISCONSIN

— Rev. W. W. Criley of Indianapolis, Ind., in his earnest efforts to revive the interest and achieve success in the establishing of the work of the Church there, has organized a Luther League, and the young people are lending their aid, particularly with increased audiences at the Church services.

— The Dane County Central Luther League held its annual convention at Stoughton, Wis., May 12-14.

MINNESOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA

— The second semi-annual convention of the Twin City Central Luther League was held April 25 (the day before the Minnesota State League convention), in Memorial Church, St. Paul, Minn. The opening occurred in the morning. During the afternoon session papers by Miss Hannah Pfeiffer, Red Wing, and Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., Minneapolis, were read. Dr. Trabert treated the subject, "The Work of Committees in the Luther League." At the 8 o'clock rally meeting Rev. Alfred Ramsey, Minneapolis, delivered a stirring address on "The Measure of Our Responsibility." The meetings were well attended. The officers of the Twin City Central League are: Pres., Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., Minneapolis; sec., Mr. Robert Otto, St. Paul; treas., Rev. Frank E. Jensen, St. Paul.

— The second annual 17th of May festival under the auspices of the Norwegian Lutheran Young People's Society, at Blooming Prairie, Minn., was a grand success. The chief speaker of the evening was Rev. J. C. Jenson, secretary of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church, who delivered an able and interesting address on the subject "The Norsemen and Their characteristics." Rev. Omond Johnson, pastor *loci*, spoke on "United Effort." The music was furnished by the Luther League choir of Austin.

— The South Dakota State Luther League held its second annual convention at Vermillion May 12-14.

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— The fifth annual spring meeting of the Luther League of Central Connecticut was held in the Swedish Church, New Haven, on May 4, 1899. The meeting was well attended and proved successful. Rev. K. A. Martin of Branford presided over the exercises. Mr. C. F. Gutbrod, the vice-president of the League, presented a paper entitled "The Social Side of the Luther League." His paper was bright and interesting and abounded in helpful suggestions. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Sanford B. Martin, who was to deliver an address on "Lutheranism and Americanism," was unfortunately prevented from appearing because of a serious accident which he sustained a few days before the meeting. In his place Rev. J. A. Timm of Trinity Church gave a brief but stirring address, basing his remarks on the motto "Of the Church, By the Church, For the Church." Excellent music was rendered by the Swedish Church choir and by Professor Larson, the organist of the church.

SOUTH CAROLINA

— The Central Luther League of Newberry County met in Newberry April 22. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mr. R. C. Counts. The following subjects were discussed: "How to Make the Central Luther League a Success," Geo. S. Bearden, W. K. Sligh and R. C. Counts; "The Duty of the Members of the Church to the League," Miss Louise Chapman, Messrs. W. K. Sligh, M. Monts and G. B. Cromer. Essay, "Home Mission Field," Miss Gertrude Simpson. The Central Luther League was cordially invited to hold its next meeting at St. Paul's. This invitation was accepted and the League adjourned to meet in July.

NEW JERSEY

— The Young People's Union of the German Church of Elizabeth, Rev. C. G. Fischer, pastor, celebrated its seventh anniversary in May. At the annual meeting, held May 11, the following officers were elected: Pres., Frank J. Schneider; first vice-pres., Adam Christ; second vice-pres., Emma L. Graves; rec. sec., Theodore Fischer; fin. sec., Augusta Neubeck; treas., Louis Brummer; sergt.-at-arms, Frederick Reibel. On Tuesday evening, May 25, the League celebrated its anniversary in a social manner, and entertained as its guests the Luther League of Grace Church, Newark, and the Luther League of Trinity English Church of Elizabeth. On Sunday evening, May 28, the League attended church service in a body. Rev. A. F. Warns of Rahway preached the sermon. With the celebration of its seventh anniversary the Young People's Union closed one of the most satisfactory years of its existence. It is thriving and gives promise of even a better future. It now numbers 92 active members.

— The Luther League of Trinity English Church of Elizabeth, Rev. F. C. Krapf, pastor, held its fourth open meeting on May 19, at which time E. Aug. Miller, Esq., of Philadelphia delivered an address entitled "The Luther League—What It Is Not; What It Is." The pastor, Rev. F. C. Krapf, gave a talk on "New Thoughts on an Old Subject," and a recitation, "Ye Children of Great Luther's Line," was rendered by Johanna Neubeck.

VIRGINIA

— The Luther League of Richmond, Va., recently reorganized, are showing much interest

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ILLINOIS

—A report of the Illinois State Luther League convention, held at Rock Island on June 2 and 3, had not come to hand up to the time of going to press. It will appear next month.

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